

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph 0001 on page 1 of the specification, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] SCCP (Signaling Connection Control Part) Class 1 is a network service that guarantees an SCCP user that a message stream (i.e., a series of related messages) will remain in sequence from the SCCP user in the sending ~~note~~ node to the SCCP user in the destination node in a SS7 network.